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Author of new slave narrative and 40 “Veggie Tales” books to hold book signing March 19 at Lincoln Presidential Museum

SPRINGFIELD – Doug Peterson, the author of the new book about a slave who mailed himself to freedom, and the author of 40 books in the “Veggie Tales” children’s series, will hold a book signing Saturday, March 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Gift Shop. The book signing is free and open to the public, and copies of Peterson’s books will be for sale. Books may be pre-ordered by calling (217) 558-8974.

Peterson’s new book, *The Disappearing Man*, tells the story of Henry “Box” Brown and his quest for freedom from slavery. Brown mailed himself to freedom in a box from Richmond to Philadelphia. This amazing, true story is based on first-person narratives from 1849 and 1851. “His escape was amazing enough, but I learned that Henry’s entire life, before and after the escape, was riveting. I was also struck by the faith expressed by Henry in his narrative. He said that God put the idea in his mind to mail himself to freedom,” said Peterson.

Although *The Disappearing Man* is intended for adults, Peterson is perhaps best known for the books he has written for children. These include the Mess Detective Picture Books; The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything Movie Books; Larryboy Chapter Books; VeggieTown Values Picture Books; VeggieTales Pillow Books; VeggieTales Values To Grow By Direct-to-Home Books; Just Me Personalized Books; and several other VeggieTales books.

Peterson, who lives in Urbana, Illinois, has already begun his next novel, *The Puzzle People*, that revolves around the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall and follows the lives of three couples.

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